Hunt. Clare. Hood

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My dear Father,

Hessey set off on Tuesday (yesterday) Evening for Bath, taking with him Mrs Mary Falkner and little Jenny. Mrs Hessey is left at Home with the little Baby and Master Frank. Hessey says he shall return in 3 weeks at which Time I hope my Journey to Retford will commence, for I can see nothing that is likely to detain me, except it, one or two of his Brothers-in-Law who talked of such a thing as to-

-morrow with his [illegible] Boys. The Weather seems all at once quite altered, and for these 3 Days I have had a Fire, but very likely it will change again -

I dined at Mr Hunts' on Sunday, and heard a full account of all their Travels. I was much pleased to find they were so gratified with their visit to you - Joseph Hunt and his Wife are going to Newark to pay a Month very soon (her Name was Woolley and her Brother was a Bell of Newark) - When he is at Newark, and while I am at Retford I shall come to see his

"Grandmaster" – He leaves Town tomorrow –

Trade is bad everywhere, but I hope when this Long Vacation is over we shall have quiet Times again, when People will have leisure to buy what they may want – From this Morning's sheet of Lord Shiffts' crop Examination it would seem that Ministers have been deceived in many of the Charges which they have brought against the Queen. The general Feeling now is much in Favor of her. But when she shrieked at the Sight of the first Witness People did not know what to think. – Denman is spoken very highly of, more so than Brougham I think: some Doubts are entertained as to his Fidelity if strongly tempted to desert her: – [redacted] It must all be over –

The Abbot was subscribed today, but it will not be ready for Delivery till the End of next week – Pickwicks books sell at any Sacrifice, but I think from the Appearance of the Subscription today there is a considerable Falling-off in the Demand

I have had Thomas Hood, the younger Son of poor Mr Hood dining with me today. He comes down and then to see me. His Talents are very good, he has written several clever Things in Prose & Verse. It occurred to me that his Appearance would relieve

me from a good deal of the Drudgery of revising Proofs &c
and when Hessey returns I will have a talk about
it. — I feel too much fatigued with this kind of Occu-
pation; it deprives me of all Inclination to write or
read anything but what I am compelled to do.

Looking the other Day over a French Dictionary I found the
word Seau, a Water Barrow — When you have another
Catalogue to print with that article in it you will
remember to spell it Seau, and not Soc as we used
to do — What think you of 2 Volumes Royal 8vo Biography
to match the Elegant Extracts. 1 Vol to contain Biography
of England in [redacted] ide, — the other Foreign Bi-
ography. In this way we might engage all who
are fond in Chelsea, for 1111 Volume. (a 3d Vols might
contain the whole of Hume's England) — We are going
to press with the fourth Edit.n of Clare —

Bob Hunt met the party in the Chair when
my Sisters mentioned [redacted] repeated by them set us
smiled & nodded at them —

With Respect Love to all at Home, not forgetting
Louisa Mary, I am my dear Father
Your sorrowful Son
John Taylor

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